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In re Patent Application of

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Atty. Ref.: 550-526; Confirmation No. 6827

Appl. No. 10/779,807

TC/A.U. 2187

Filed: February 18, 2004

Examiner: E. Unelus

For: DIRECT ACCESS MEMORY CONTROL

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March 7, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Request is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed December 7, 2006 (Paper No. 20061204), the date of response to which is March 7, 2007.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the Final Rejection of claims 13-16 and 28-31 is respectfully requested. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition to the Commissioner for reversal of the Examiner's decision regarding claim 13 and Applicants' view that this is generic with respect to claims covering Figures 3, 5, 7 and 8.

Claims 13-16 and 28-31 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Minami (U.S. Patent 6,651,114). In the previously filed Request for Reconsideration (September 29, 2006), Applicants noted that in the Minami reference, there was no "single

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read/write port" (as distinguished from a bus) nor could the read and write channels operate "independently of each other." The above are limitations contained in both independent claims 13 and 28.

Most U.S. patent examiners, even in a Final Rejection, will provide some responsive communication with respect to the fact that a prior art reference does not teach the claimed subject matter. Here, the Examiner has merely copied the text of the previous Official Action (mailed June 30, 2006) into the Final Rejection (mailed December 7, 2006) without addressing any of the discussions of the limitation in the cited prior art reference.

Accordingly, the Examiner has simply failed to respond to Applicants' identification of claim limitations ("single read/write port" and "independently of each other") which are not only not present in the Minami reference, but which are the direct opposite of the Minami reference teaching (Minami teaches the requirement of at least two ports and teaches that the read and write channels may not operate independently of each other and indeed communication time on the buses is dependent upon whether the other channel is operating or not).

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner respond to the points set out in Applicants' previous Request for Reconsideration beginning at page 3, line 1 and continuing over to the last complete paragraph on page 5. Applicants respectfully request a response to these legitimate points raised in the outstanding Official Action.

Attempts to Contact Examiner's Supervisor

Applicants' undersigned representative attempted to reach SPE Fritz Fleming who also signed the Final Rejection (early on March 7, 2007) in order to inquire whether there has been a

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change in Patent Office policy which allows examiners to ignore responsive arguments raised in amendments. Unable to reach Mr. Fleming by telephone, the undersigned left a telephone message, which, as of the filing of this Request for Reconsideration, has not been returned.

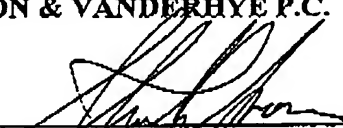
It is respectfully requested that SPE Fleming discuss the outstanding Final Rejection with Examiner Unelus and provide some written response identifying the necessary errors in Applicants' previously submitted argument distinguishing claims 13 and 28 over the Minami reference, to the extent the Patent Office has any such arguments.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, reconsideration of the Final Rejection is respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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